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Dear Secretary Blumenfeld,

Congratulations on your new appointment. I look forward to working collaboratively with you and your team to find solutions to the myriad of challenging issues in California. One such issue includes the ongoing transboundary pollution along the U.S.-Mexico Border. This is one of my top priorities as Regional Administrator and I am working within EPA and with our border stakeholders to garner the support and funding needed to address transboundary pollution in the short- and long-term. First, I wanted to share EPA's plan for utilizing our Border Water Infrastructure funding which is administered by the North American Development Bank. The attached includes a list of \$6 million in projects to rehabilitate wastewater infrastructure in Tijuana and Mexicali to reduce the number of sewage spills caused by aging infrastructure. Should EPA receive additional FY19 appropriations, we are prepared to fund an additional \$4 million towards projects in Tijuana, Mexicali, and Nogales.

Secondly, I wanted to share a list of projects seeking infrastructure funding along the EPA Region 9 and Region 6 Mexico border. With a few exceptions, these projects were submitted to the North American Development Bank in 2017 and were deemed eligible for funding through EPA's Water Infrastructure Fund. The list also includes three projects that were added by EPA (noted by **) which may require additional adjustment, should appropriations materialize. The estimated total cost of the projects is roughly \$340 million. I am optimistic that together, we can garner the necessary support to fund many of these projects moving forward.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon. And please feel free to call or email me anytime if I can be of assistance in anyway.

Best regards,
Michael Stoker
Regional Administrator, Region 9, US-EPA

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